

ABSTRACT

The present invention is a method for the treatment or prevention  
5 of preferably non-insulin dependent (NIDDM or so-called Type II) diabetes  
mellitus, or other conditions associated with impaired glucose tolerance such  
as obesity, and in particular to the use of phytanic acid derivatives for the  
said treatment and / or prevention. A method of making a composition for the  
treatment or prevention of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus and  
10 related diseases comprising combining phytanic acid or derivatives thereof  
with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive or adjuvant, and a composition  
for the treatment or prevention of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus  
comprising phytanic acid or derivatives thereof are also provided.